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Document A1 describes an improvement in harvester-seats.

Document A2 describes a tank commander's seat and foot platform assembly.

Document A3 is discussed on pages 1 and 2 of the specification.

Document A4 describes a device for supporting a person in a seated position.

Document A5 describes a tilting seat.

Document A6 describes a single-legged chair.

Document A7 illustrates a sit stand.

Document A8 describes an adjustable chair.

Document A9 describes a portable seat.

Document A10 illustrates a seating unit.

Document A11 is discussed on page 2 of the specification.

Document A12 describes a seating element for a seating arrangement.

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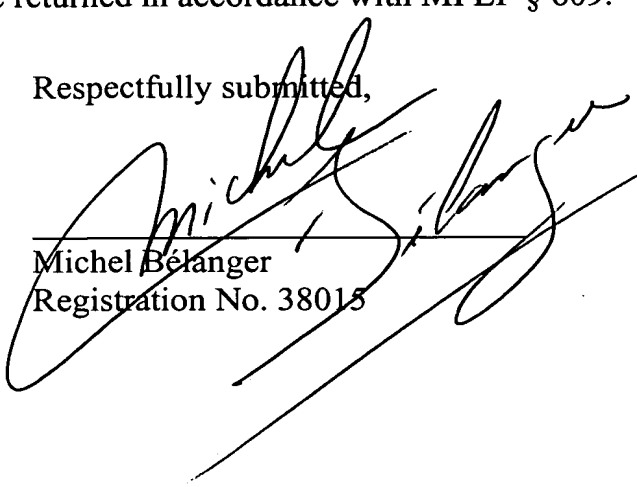
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Respectfully submitted,

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